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SUBJECT: GISCARD'S AIRPORT STATEMENT ON OCCASION OF  
BREZHNEV'S DEPARTURE

1. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY WILL NOT RECEIVE COMPLETE TEXT OF GISCARD'S AIRPORT STATEMENT UNTIL SOMETIME DECEMBER 10, THE FOLLOWING IS COMPILED FROM JOURNALISTIC SOURCES. WE DO NOT KNOW IF THE STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO GISCARD BELOW ARE QUOTES OR PARAPHRASE BUT SUSPECT THE LATTER.

2. GISCARD IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT HE WAS STRUCK BY THE CORDIALITY, THE SIMPLICITY AND THE FRANKNESS IN WHICH HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE USSR TOOK PLACE.

-- M. BREZHNEV BROUGHT TO THESE CONVERSATIONS A GREAT MASTERY OF THE SUBJECT AND AN EXCELLENT KNOWLEDGE OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. WE FOUND ON THESE PROBLEMS A CONVERGENCE OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND FRANCE. COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IS NOT A HAPPENSTANCE, IT IS NOT LINKED TO THE FLUCTUATING FACTORS OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS; IT CORRESPONDS TO A CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF THE POLITICAL AND GEOGRAPHIC FACTS OF OUR TIME."

3. GISCARD IS SAID TO HAVE ADDED THAT BREZHNEV'S VISIT WOULD NOT ONLY CONSOLIDATE THE BONDS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES BUT WOULD ALSO GIVE A NEW IMPETUS (ELAN) AND A UNCLASSIFIED

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NEW POINT OF DEPARTURE TO INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE INTERESTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND WHICH WILL SERVE THE GREAT CAUSE OF PEACE IN THE WORLD.

4. GISCARD IS ALSO SAID TO HAVE INDICATED THAT HIS VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION WOULD TAKE PLACE NEXT FALL AND THAT PRIME MINISTER JACQUES CHIRAC, WHO HAD ALSO RECEIVED A SIMILAR INVITATION FROM BREZHNEV, WOULD GO THERE SOON.

5. GISCARD SUMMARIZED THE THREE SUBJECTS WHICH, IN HIS

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OPINION, WERE THE MOST IMPORTANT DURING HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH BREZHNEV:

-- EUROPEAN SECURITY, ITS ORGANIZATION, AND THE CONFERENCE;

-- THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST: "ON THIS POINT, WE WERE ABLE TO NOTE THE PERFECT CONVERGENCE OF VIEWS EVEN ON VERY PRECISE POINTS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND FRANCE."

-- "FINALLY, WE WERE ABLE TO NOTE THE BILATERAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE VERY GREAT BREADTH WHICH WILL BE GIVEN TO EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO INDUSTRIAL POWERS WHICH ARE THE SOVIET UNION AND FRANCE."

6. ASKED ABOUT HIS UPCOMING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD, GISCARD REFUSED ANY STATEMENT, STRESSING THAT FOR THE MOMENT HE WAS CONCERNED ONLY WITH THE VISIT OF MR. BREZHNEV.

7. GISCARD WAS ACCOMPANIED TO THE AIRPORT BY PRIME MINISTER CHIRAC, FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES AND FINANCE MINISTER FOURCADE.  
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